

INDOT Long-Range Plan Development Coordination Meeting Notes
Meeting with the Crawfordsville District and the Lafayette MPO
Conducted at the Crawfordsville District Offices, May 5, 2006
9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

In Attendance: *Mark Albers, Crawfordsville District Planning Director*
 Joe Spears, Crawfordsville District Local Assistance
 Mike Yamin, Crawfordsville District Planning
 Eryn Hays, Manager – INDOT Office of Urban & Corridor Planning
 Steve Smith, Manager – INDOT Long-Range Planning Section
 Jay Mitchell, Planner – INDOT Long-Range Planning Section
 Sallie Dell Fahey, Executive Director – Lafayette MPO
 John Thomas, Lafayette MPO
 Doug Poad, Lafayette MPO

Steve Smith began the meeting with a quick review of the meeting's agenda. The four primary components of the meeting were:

1. A review of the INDOT Long-Range Plan, concentrating on projects for District and MPO in the 2006 to 2016 time frame.
 - A. Projects in the 2006 to 2015 Major Moves Program (The September 2005 draft listing)
 - B. Review of Candidate 2016 IPOC projects and preliminary priority evaluation
 - C. Identification of any projects in the 2006 to 2015 time frame that are not in the Major Moves Program or not a Candidate 2016 IPOC project.
2. Discussion of IPOC scoring process and opportunities to provide information to assist scoring and evaluations.
3. Review of Statewide Mobility Corridor System and proposed Access Management Guidelines.

US 52 bridge project over the railroad in Tippecanoe County: The MPO asked where they could obtain a copy of the bridge equivalent of Major Moves. The response was that Bill Dietrich at the INDOT central office was the person in charge of the Bridge Program and that it was his area of responsibility to develop a scoring process for the Bridge Program. The MPO could contact Mr. Dietrich in order to get information regarding the status of the US 52 railroad bridge.

US 231 from US 52 to I-65: This is the proposed extension of the new US 231 four-lane facility northward. It is currently listed in the INDOT Long-Range Plan with an RFC date of 2022. The MPO wanted to know if this project could be included in the listing of 2016 candidate projects. The response was that it would not be considered as a 2016 candidate project but that the MPO or the District could submit it as a candidate next year for 2017 scoring and consideration.

SR 43 from SR 225 in Tippecanoe County to SR 18 Brookston in White County: This project is currently listed as a reconstruction project in the INDOT Long-Range Plan. The MPO asked if INDOT would check on this project. The MPO said that at the pre-engineering/scoping field checks, it was discussed that added travel lanes might be warranted for part of this project – at least as far as the County line. INDOT staff responded that they would look into the matter, locate a copy of the Engineer's Report and that the Engineer's Report would guide how the project will be treated in the plan update. The MPO would also be provided with a copy of the Engineer's Report files as well.

SR 26 from east of CR 550E to CR 900E: This project is also currently listed as a reconstruction project in the INDOT Long-Range Plan. The MPO asked if INDOT would also check on the status of the project to see if the Engineer's Report is recommending added travel lanes for some of the length of the project. As with the SR 43 issue, INDOT responded that it would look into the matter, look up the Engineer's Report and that report would guide how the project was treated in the plan update. INDOT would also provide a copy of the Engineer's Report to the MPO for its files.

SR 25 Hoosier Heartland Highway: The *Draft Major Moves* program that was published on September 23, 2005 tentatively listed the first section of the Hoosier Heartland Highway in Tippecanoe County starting in 2011. The MPO and the District inquired about the possibilities of moving the project forward from that 2011 *draft* 2011 start date. The response was that the final *Major Moves* program has not yet been published, so the project's start date may yet change from that which was published in the draft. Changes in the scheduling would require the IPOC Committee's approval. It was uncertain that design work and land acquisition could be advanced significantly to allow the project to be moved forward in *Major Moves*.

SR 26 from US 52 to I-65: This is one of the 2016 IPOC Candidate Projects calling for added travel lanes and intersection improvements along the corridor. It did not show up on the list of preliminary IPOC performance scores. This will be corrected and revised scores will be mailed out.

I-65 from SR 26 to SR 25: This is a 2016 IPOC Candidate Project that calls for additional lanes, going from two-lanes in each direction to three-lanes in each direction. The MPO pointed out that in the INDOT Long-Range Plan, Project #477 called for added travel lanes in 2016 to I-65 for a longer segment of roadway – from SR 38 to SR 43. However, LRP project 477 has since been programmed by INDOT as three distinct projects. Only the section from SR 26 to SR 25 was programmed with an RFC date of 2016. The other two segments were programmed with later RFC dates. Because of this action, only the segment with the 2016 RFC date was selected as a candidate project for the 2016 IPOC year. This was the project from SR 26 to SR 25. After discussion, it was decided that each of the three programmed segments would be listed separately as 2016 candidate projects. All three together make up the longer LRP ID #477 project which as listed in the plan, begins at SR 38 and ends at SR 43. This action will assist the Lafayette MPO in performing the customer input scoring that INDOT has asked them to perform. The two segments should not be construed as new candidate projects but rather, a clarification of the INDOT Long-Range Plan Project #177. The segment with the highest score

would then be in competition with the other 2016 candidate projects throughout the state. The other two projects would be placed in the updated plan with later RFC dates.

US 52 on the west side of West Lafayette near Cumberland Avenue: The MPO noted that there is increased congestion in the vicinity of US 52 due to the changing land use in the area. In recent years, new big box stores such as Mijers and Mennards and associated retail have located along this corridor. The MPO believed that some consideration should be given towards improving the cross-section of US 52 from a rural to urban cross-section. A brief discussion followed concerning the potential for Transportation Systems Management (TSM) treatments such as improved intersections and median turn lanes.

CR 350 South: A relinquishment agreement has been drafted and submitted to the City of Lafayette and Tippecanoe County for execution. One of the aspects of the agreement calls for INDOT to turn over current SR 25 (Teal Road) in exchange for CR 350S which would then be accepted into the state highway system as new SR 25. A question came up regarding future capacity needs for CR 350S after it becomes a part of SR 25. At this time in the absence of an executed agreement, INDOT will not place any improvements to a County jurisdictional road in its Long-Range Plan.

US 231 from I-65 to SR 43: This project has been included in the MPO's illustrative list of projects. The MPO would like to extend a new, four-lane, limited access roadway from where the new US 231 project would intersect with I-65, extending eastward to SR 25. INDOT has not yet committed to this project concept and it will not be included in this LRP update. However, INDOT does not want to discourage the MPO from conducting further analysis to demonstrate a case for the proposed project.

Customer Input and Economic Development scoring for the 2016 IPOC Candidate Projects: INDOT asked the MPO to assist in these two scoring categories for the projects in its area. A maximum of 10 points can be earned under this scoring category. INDOT would like the Lafayette MPO to seek customer input from its Policy Committee, other locally elected officials, citizens and State Legislators. In addition, INDOT would like to receive input regarding economic development activity that would result from the 2016 candidate projects. In order to ensure that this scoring category is not overlooked, INDOT asked the MPO to return the results from its Customer Input scoring as soon as possible, no later than three to four weeks.

Review of Statewide Mobility Corridor System and Access Management Guidelines: Steve Smith said that INDOT was in the process of reviewing and updating its Statewide Mobility Corridors and he asked the Lafayette MPO to review the corridor hierarchy map as it relates to their planning area. This is a follow-up to an earlier presentation to the MPO Council. Initial comments from the MPO involved a change in the status of US 52 from I-65 to US 41, rather than SR 26 and, SR 26 from US 52 to I-65. The MPO will review and respond back to INDOT at a later date with its recommendations.

Steve Smith also handed out a copy of proposed new INDOT access management guidelines. He provided a brief explanation; the handout is one of the products being developed from the Access Management Study. Ultimately, it is hoped that the guidelines will be included in INDOT's

Design Manual. Mr. Smith said that he would like to have comments from the MPO regarding how well these guidelines might work under real, working conditions.